

REMARKS

Entry of the foregoing, reexamination and reconsideration of the above-identified application are respectfully requested.

The claims are said to be directed to a composition obtained by culturing a microorganism, wherein the microorganism is *Mortierella alpina*. That microorganism is said to be essential to the invention and must be "obtainable by a repeatable method set forth in the specification or otherwise be readily available to the public." As stated in the Official Action, a deposit of the microorganism would satisfy this requirement.

As stated in Applicants' prior response, Applicants believe that one skilled in the art could practice the claimed invention based upon information provided in the specification and available in the art. However, microorganisms which may be employed for practice of the instant invention have been deposited, as set forth on page 10 of the application. An executed Deposit Declaration relating to those deposits is attached hereto.

It is respectfully submitted that all rejections have been overcome. Thus, a Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested.

In the event that there are any questions relating to this amendment or the application in general, it would be appreciated if the Examiner would contact the undersigned attorney by telephone at (650) 622-2360 so that prosecution of the application may be expedited.

Respectfully submitted,

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